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Quartz Mountain Water Authority completes multi-million dollar water system.

The Quartz Mountain Regional Water Authority will host an Open House celebration honoring the completion of its new water treatment system. The event will take place this Friday, July 12, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the site of the new plant just outside of Lone Wolf.

The new system serves a large portion of Southwestern Oklahoma including the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center, the Oklahoma State Reformatory, Hester Water Corporation, Kiowa County RWS & SWMD No. 1, Northfork Cabin Water Users Association and the towns of Granite, Martha and Lone Wolf. The Water Authority received \$2,867,000 in grants and \$1,683,000 in low-interest loans through USDA Rural Development to construct the system.

The new regional water system serves includes 20 miles of transmission line ranging from 6" to 12"; two 300,000 gallon storage tanks and a reverse osmosis treatment plant. This system alleviated three inadequate treatment facilities and corrected high nitrate levels addressed in "Consent Orders" issued by the Oklahoma D.E.Q. The new system will provide a sufficient quantity of quality water to over 1,750 rural homes and numerous businesses for the purpose of drinking and household use.

"This is a big day for Rural Development and the folks of this area," said Brent Kisling, State Director of Rural Development. "It goes without saying that a project of this magnitude required a great deal of leadership, support and dedication." "I commend all those involved for their efforts in providing an abundant, safe water supply for the residents and businesses of this area," he added.

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